Proposal to Allow Persons Coming from Abroad to Bring Gold

*47. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAIVIRUMBI.
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to allow persons coming from abroad to bring gold and jewellery into the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the matter would be brought before Parliament before a final decision is taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER of FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Some proposals in this regard are under consideration of the Govt.

(c) The matter would be brought before. Parliament if any legislative changes are considered necessary.

Black Money in Circulation in the Country

*48. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI M.M. JACOB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that black money of the order of Rs. 90,000 crore is in circulation in the country at present;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to curb this menace;

(c) what is the estimated amount of black money recovered/seized in the form of currency notes/gold ornaments and incriminating documents during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) what are the names of such persons firms from whom black money was recovered, stating the amount of black money recovered in each case during the above period;

(e) whether the offenders will be brought to book and the illgotten money will 'be used for solving unemployment problem and for other developmental works;

(f) whether Government propose to introduce, a scheme to divert black money for housing activity for low income groups; and

(g) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) There is no official estimate of the amount of black money in circulation in the country. The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy in their report titled 'Aspects of the Black Economy in India' have, estimated the black money for 1983-84 between Rs. 31,584 to Rs. 36,786 crores. The authors have, however, admitted that their estimate is based on numerous assumptions and approximations, each of which can be challenged.

,(b) The Government takes necessary legislative and administrative measures as deemed appropriate from time to time to curb the generation, growth and use of black money. Some of the measures taken by the Income-tax Department include the following:—

(i) Systematic survey operations;
(ii) Search and seizures operations in appropriate cases;
(iii) Verification of information by Central Information Branches in a planned manner;
(iv) In-depth investigation in a selected number of cases;
(v) Pre-emptive purchase of immovable property by trie Central Government under the provisions of Chapter XXC of the Income-tax Act- in certain notified cities.

(c) The value of prima-facie unaccounted assets seized, besides incriminating documents, during the course of searches under Section 132 of the Income-tax Act during the last three financial years are as per details given here under:—

Financial Year	No. of searches	Seizure of prima-facie unaccounted assets				
		Bullion	Cash	Jewellery	Others (Rs. in	Total crores)
1987-88	8464	1.88	25.98	58.13	59.03	145.02
1988-89	7505	3.84	27.71	68.33	52.82	152.70
	3984		32.37	42.40	53.25	128.02

(d) Keeping in view the large number of searches conducted during the last three financial years, effort and time required to compile the information sought for may not be commensurate with the results sought to be achieved. If however, information is desired about any specific case cases the same can be made available.

(e) Persons in whose cases tax evasion is established are liable to penalty and prosecution in accordance with the various Direct Tax Enactments. The assets seized in the course of the search are adjusted against the tax liabilities under various Direct Tax Enactments and the excess, if any, is released. Such tax realisation forms part of the general revenues of the Government and is utilised for various purposes including schemes for development and employment generation.

(f) and (g) A proposal in this regard is under the consideration of the Government.

देश में पर्यटन क्षमता

*49. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री सुशील बरोगया:

क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में पर्यटन क्षमता का अभी तक अधिकतम उपयोग नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) 1990-91 के वर्ष के लिए विदेशी पर्यटकों के आगमन तथा विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जन के संबंध में क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं;

(ग) क्या विभिन्न राज्यों में 1990-91 के वर्ष के दौरान नये होटलों का निर्माण करने और नए पर्यटक स्थलों का विकास करने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुये हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सत्यपाल मलिक): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

(ख) वर्ष 1990-91 के लिए पाकिस्तान और बंगला देश के राष्ट्रिकों को छोड़कर, विदेशी पर्यटकों के आगमन का लक्ष्य 1.5 मिलियन है तथा लगभग 2800/- करोड़ रुपए की विदेशी मुद्रा की आय का लक्ष्य है।

(ग) और (घ) पर्यटक विहार-स्थलों सहित पर्यटन का विकास करने की जिम्मेदारी मुख्यतः राज्य सरकारों की होती है। तथापि पर्यटन मंत्रालय सितारा श्रेणी के होटलों का निर्माण करने संबंधी प्रस्तावों को अनुमोदित करता है। इस मंत्रालय ने चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान प्राप्त प्रस्तावों में से 31 प्रस्तावों को अनुमोदित किया है जिनका राज्यवार विवरण इस प्रकार है:—

क्रम सं०	राज्य का नाम	प्रस्तावों की संख्या
1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	2
2.	असम	1
3.	बिहार	2
4.	गुजरात	1
5.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	2
6.	महाराष्ट्र	9
7.	पंजाब	1